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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

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Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Assembly Bill 69

Relating to: driver licenses and identification cards for aliens.

By Representatives Pettis, Vos, Kerkman, Suder, Hines, Vukmir, Nass, Kestell, Jeskewitz, Bies, Albers, Ott, Kreibich, Van Roy, Musser, Gunderson, Honadel, Vrakas, Hahn, McCormick, Freese, Gielow and Stone; cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee, Lassa, Grothman, Olsen, Reynolds, Roessler and Brown.

September 30, 2005 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

December 15, 2005 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirsch and Breske.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Mark Pettis — State Representative
- Mark Gundrum — State Representative
- Renee Bradley, Racine

Appearances Against

- Pedro Colon — Representative, 8th Assembly District
- Christine Neuman-Ortiz — Voces de la Frontera and the Coalition for Safe Roads
- Alfonso Zepeda-Capistran — Latinos United for Change and Advancement
- Christian Ocampo, Milwaukee
- Eru Basurto, Milwaukee
- Jose Araiza, Kenosha
- Homero Saenz, Racine
- Bill Lange — Faith Community Worker for Justice
- Joanne Lange — Voces de la Frontera
- Alex Gillis, Madison
- Alma Ruiz — MECHA
- Diana Garcia, Racine
- Miguel Lopez, Milwaukee
- Carlos Lopez, Milwaukee
- Ana Ruvalcaba — Students united for Immigrant Rights
- Claudia Carrera, Madison

- Jon Rodrigues, Racine
- Maria Vital — Students United for Immigrant Rights
- Maria Morales — Students United For Immigration Rights
- Bianca Quintero — Students United for Immigration Rights
- Natalie Mitchell — Students United for Immigration Rights
- Leticia Ruvalcaba — Students United for Immigration Rights
- Martha Jimenez — Students United for Immigration Rights
- Viviana Pastrare, Racine
- Esteban De La Torre, Green Bay
- Kristen Petroschius, Madison
- Gerardo Mancilla — Latino Men's Group (UW Madison)
- Linda Hoskins — Wisconsin NAACP
- Mara Arce
- Luis Montoto, Madison
- Alejandra Adame, Madison
- Angel Ordonez, Madison
- Gerardo Ruiz, Madison
- Rafael Rexna Rosas, Madison
- Estelle Lopez Martinez, Madison
- Leon-Carlos Miranda, Janesville
- Luis Morales, Madison
- Delores Trejo, Wisconsin Dells
- Silvia Morales, Madison

Appearances for Information Only

- Erin Egan — Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles
- Patrick Fernan — Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Registrations For

- Joe Leibham — Senator, 9th Senate District
- Omar Salazar, Racine
- Alan Lasee — Senator, 1st Senate District

Registrations Against

- Salvador Garcia, Milwaukee
- Marial Moreno, Milwaukee
- Luis Cruz, Milwaukee
- Miguel Lopez, Milwaukee
- Sylvia Morales, Madison
- Miguel Manguia, Madison
- Shaila Toledo — SEIU Local #1
- Antonio Morales-Lopez, Madison
- Evelyn Cruz
- Maria Mora

- Guilibaldo Alvarez, Columbus
- Alberto Sandoval, Madison
- Mario Bautista, Madison
- Jorge Guzman, Milwaukee
- Rafael Roque, Milwaukee
- Mario Ramirez, Milwaukee
- William Brennan, Milwaukee — Reverend, St. Patrick's Church
- Omah Cruz Peke, Milwaukee
- Arecely Miranda, Milwaukee
- Esmeralda Miranda, Milwaukee
- Pablo Carmon — Voces de la Frontera
- Reynaldo Hernandez, Milwaukee
- Vanessa Sanchez — MECHA
- Alejandra Adame-Barrenas, Middleton
- Jonathan Rivas, Madison
- Jan Antonio Flores, Madison
- Gabriel Montes, Sun Prairie
- Cynthia Breunig, Madison
- Josue Terau, Madison
- Jose Manzano Flores, Madison
- Lourdes Valadez, Madison
- Cindy Crane, Madison
- Claudia Chairez, Madison
- Floriberto Franco, Madison
- Gerardo Garcia, Milwaukee
- Bibiana reyes Ramirez, Madison
- Mario Ramos, Fitchburg
- Maria Flores, Fitchburg
- Alex Jimenez, Madison
- Leonardo Rodriguez, Madison
- Gomez Romeo, Madison
- Stella Yamefh Lopez
- Veronica Alvarez, Milwaukee
- Abel Rodriguez, Madison
- Jose Luis Rodriguez
- Jose Valle, Milwaukee
- Avsencio Alvarez
- Felix Romero, Madison
- Juana Juarez, Madison
- Vicente Ortiz
- Efren Cacahua, Madison
- Alejandra Mancha
- Bibiana Reyes, Madison

- Presby Ilena, Madison
- Jose Saul Angeles, Madison
- Gerardo Ruiz, Madison
- Uesenia Rangel, Fitchburg
- Jose Murillo, Fitchburg
- Lizette Jauregui, Fitchburg
- Cristina Garduno, Madison
- Angeles Pevalto, Madison
- Gerardo Andrade Rivera, Waunakee
- Minerua Florencio, Madison
- Rojelio Ruiz, Madison
- Julio Galindo, Madison
- Joanne Ricca — Wisconsin State AFL-CIO
- Anabel Alonso, Milwaukee
- Adrian Martinez, Milwaukee
- Carlos Bello, Madison
- Elias Gonzalez, Madison
- Jose Aguilar, Middleton
- Maria Luevas, Madison
- Antonio Martenez, Madison
- Alberto Sanchez, Madison
- Irma Ramirez, Madison
- Oliver Brito, Madison
- Mai Guadalupe Ramirez, Madison
- Efrain Miranda, Madison
- Owaldo Hernandez, Madison
- Gerardo Figueroa, Madison
- Salvador Velazquez, Madison
- Freddy Lopez, Madison
- Fred Sveusson, Madison
- Gerardo Tercero, Madison
- Alfredo Estrada, Madison
- Marien Carapia, Madison
- Isabel Carapia, Fitchburg
- Marra Elena Hernandez, Madison
- Teresa Zamova, Madison
- Josefina Zamora, Madison
- Nurra Gomez, Cottage Grove
- Luis Antonio Bautista, Madison
- Julio Martinez, Madison
- Leonel Benitez Gonzales, Madison
- Carlos Brionus, Madison
- Vicente Medina, Sun Prairie
- Adam Paehelo, Madison

- Genaro Lastellanos, Madison
- Francisco Sanchez, Madison
- Francisco Rojus
- Rigoberto Aguilar
- Lorenzo Cruz, Madison
- Tobias Torres, Madison
- Maria Benitez, Madison
- Rosalina Cortes Meze, Madison
- Juan Murillo, Madison
- Brian Tanner — United Council of UW Students
- Luis Morales, Madison
- Agustin Barrios
- Antonio Martinez, Fitchburg
- Avelino Gomez Durcio, Middleton
- Marlene Lopez, Middleton
- Angel Ordonez, Madison
- Miguel Vivar, Madison
- Ramiro Saucedo, Madison
- Alfredo Osorio
- Cecilia Holguin, Madison
- Kathy Markeland — Wisconsin Catholic Conference
- Jose Villaseñor, Madison
- Francisco Camillo, Madison
- Enrique Alba
- Bertha Rodriguez, Madison
- Allen Levie, Madison
- Ryan Knudson, Greendale
- Alejandro Sanchez, Kenosha
- Juana Sanchez, Kenosha
- Edith Seneher, Kenosha
- Javier Hernandez, Kenosha
- Javier Mendez, Kenosha
- Jose Luis Hernandez, Kenosha
- Hoc Saldirar, Kenosha
- Veronica Morales-Lopez
- Lucia Naxi, Madison
- Ernesto Miranola, Madison
- Fabiola Alvarado, Milwaukee
- Graciela Del Portillo, Milwaukee
- Jorge Cortes, Milwaukee
- Sofia Ortiz, Milwaukee
- Jorge Reyes, Milwaukee
- Carlos Lopez — Voces de la Frontera
- Martha Hernandez, Milwaukee

- Ana Lopez — Voces del la Frontera
- Alicia Barron, Milwaukee
- Irma Hermosilb — Voces de la Frontera
- Mateo Gonzalez, Milwaukee
- Darlene Mendez, Milwaukee
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- Isabel Carmona — Voces de la Frontera
- Jairo Penez, Milwaukee
- Armando Gamino, Milwaukee
- Pedro Cruz, Milwaukee
- Abel Hernandez, Milwaukee
- Eder Valle, Madison — Latino Men's Group
- Andres Saveedo, Milwaukee
- Efrain Mora, Milwaukee
- Juan Gamino, Milwaukee
- Maria Romero — Voces del la Frontera
- Toribio Espinoza Pichardo, Milwaukee
- Martin Pina, Milwaukee
- Jose Mirumonty, Milwaukee
- Juan Aldana, Milwaukee
- Pascual Flores
- Esteban De La Torre, Green Bay
- Juan Aguire, Madison
- Maria Juezada, Madison
- Leficia Orcina, Madison
- E. Montes, Madison

December 19, 2005 EXECUTIVE SESSION - POLLING

Moved by Senator Kedzie that **Assembly Bill 69** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (4) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke and Wirsch.
 Noes: (1) Senator Breske.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Dan Johnson
 Committee Clerk

Paper Ballot

December 19, 2005

***SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND
TRANSPORTATION***

MOTION ON ASSEMBLY BILL 69

MOTION

Moved by **Senator Kedzie** that the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation recommends for concurrence Assembly Bill 69, relating to: driver licenses and identification cards for aliens.

Aye _____ No X _____

Signature Roger Brooke _____

Date: 12-19-05 _____

Paper Ballot

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Aye X

No _____

Signature _____

Daniel E. Kedzie

Date: _____

12-19-05

Paper Ballot

December 19, 2005

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Aye

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No

Signature

Michael J. Kedzie

Date:

12/19/05

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Aye

✓

No

Signature



Date:

12/19/05

Paper Ballot

December 19, 2005

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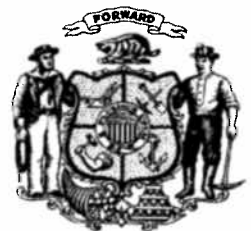
No _____

Signature Robert W. Winch

Date: Dec. 19, 2005



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





Comité Festival Mexicano

P.O. Box 14064 Madison, WI 53708

December 14, 2005

Dear Wisconsin State Senators:

We the Comité Festivals Mexico-Wisconsin are writing to ask that each of you do whatever is in your power to **stop the progress of Assembly Bill 69 also known as Senate bill 334**, which would have the effect of invalidating present driver's licenses and making it impossible for those who are undocumented to be able to get Wisconsin State ID or driver's licenses. We see this as a waste of millions of state tax dollars for unnecessary, counter-productive measures, I believe it will make our streets much more dangerous by making many of our friends, thousands of presently legally licensed drivers who need to be able to drive to continue contributing to our economy, and supporting their families, criminals because they will still need to drive their vehicles. Since these same people will no longer be able to get insurance, and could be arrested as the result of an accident, I expect to see more hit and run accidents, and more victims of accidents unable to be made whole by those who are at fault in accidents. (Both of which will increase my responsibility as a taxpayer.) This will also have a negative effect on our economy because of extensive job dislocations.

We can only see damage, no possible gain from this program. Terrorists who had no problems getting visas, which would still allow them to get our state ID and licenses, (or who can also use ID and licenses from other countries like Canada, which are valid in all states) would not be hindered in anyway by this bill. We see this as only a huge headache for our overworked state employees, a huge expense for all taxpayers, our streets made more dangerous, and most unfortunately life made impossible for not just undocumented workers in our state, but also their children born in the U.S., who are citizens of both our state and country.

For these reasons, We again ask you to do all in your power to **stop AB69-SB334**.

Sincerely,

Pedro Albiter
President

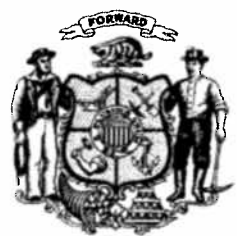
Armando Sanchez
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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



3783 Janelle Lane · Cottage Grove, WI 53527 · 608-268-3422

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With all of this potential damage I see no real gain from this program. Terrorists who are very well funded had no problems getting visas, which allow them to get our state ID and licenses, or use ID and licenses from other countries like Canada, which are valid in all states. I see this as only a huge headache for our overworked state employees, a huge expense for all taxpayers, our streets made more dangerous, and most unfortunately life made impossible for not just undocumented workers in our state, but also their children born in the U.S., who are citizens of both our state and country.

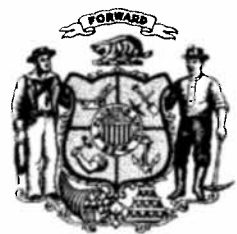
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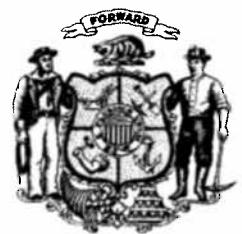
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Sincerely,

Daniela Porro



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



December 15, 2005

From the Latino community

We do not want you to take away our drivers licenses. Because with out them we could not be able to work. We need to protect our identities. These signatures show the people agree.

No queremos que nos quiten las licencias. Porque sin ellas no podriamos trabajar. Y necesitamos proteger nuestra identificacion. La gente esta deacuerdo al firmar

See below

~~with Martin~~

Mario Rios B
Marta Flores P.
Alfredo Sandoval
Sandra Sandoval
Luis Sandoval

Daniel Sandoval
Alfredo Sandoval
Jorge Aranda

~~Rosa~~
~~Rosa Reyes~~

Aya Lara Rosendo

Abraham Muro

Daniel Gonzalez

Shela Hernandez

Ayda Coariza

Miguel Cruz

Sandra Duman

Shay Khalil

Antonio Rios

Rosa Maria R.

Nor. Perez G.

~~Rosa~~

PASCUAL BONILLA R.

Odilio Chavez R.

Alia Gomez

~~Jafar~~

Silvia J. Morales

Ana Bertha Ramirez

FRANCISCO ROMERO

Cesar Gonzalez Cruz

Marcela Suarez

Rosa Suarez Ponce

Elda Baheno

Silvia Lilia

Roberto Silva Jimenez

Jose Bautista

José Aguilar

Francisco J. Jarama

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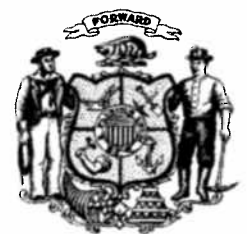
JUANA JUAREZ

~~Rosa~~

José San Angeles



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





Joe Leibham

**State Senator
9th State Senate District**

**Testimony Submitted to the
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation
Senate Bill 334 / Assembly Bill 69
December 15, 2005**

Thank you Chairman Kedzie, committee members and concerned citizens. I appreciate you holding a hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 334 and Assembly Bill (AB) 69. I apologize for not being able to testify in person due to previous scheduling conflicts back in the 9th Senate District.

On May 11, 2005, the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 was signed into law. This new law contained a number of provisions intended to provide additional measures of domestic security in the post-9/11 era. Among the provisions included in the bill was a requirement that all fifty states comply with specific federal requirements in the issuance of state driver licenses and identification cards.

The configuration of our current system of issuing state ID cards and driver licenses, as well as the content of these IDs, does not comply with the new federal rules as mandated by the REAL ID Act. SB 334 and AB 69 are companion proposals that specifically bring Wisconsin into compliance with this new federal law.

In addition, SB 334 and AB 69 require all Wisconsin residents to provide proof of citizenship or legal status when applying for a driver license or state ID card. This is a reasonable and sensible requirement. We are a nation and a state of great opportunity, but we are also a nation and a state of laws. If an individual is visiting the state and country legally, the date of the expiration of their legal status must be printed on the license or ID card. Moreover, if a non-citizen is in Wisconsin legally, their driver license or state ID card becomes invalid on the date that their legal status officially expires.

Should the State Legislature choose not to act on SB 334 and AB 69, Wisconsin citizens could be put at great inconvenience. For example, due to specific provisions of the REAL ID Act, Wisconsin residents would not be able to board commercial airline flights using their driver license as identification.

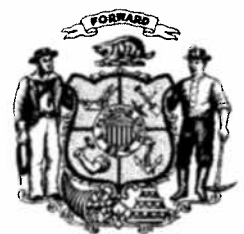
AB 69 was passed convincingly by the State Assembly in a bipartisan vote of 62-35 and I urge this committee to act quickly to move the bill to the next step in the process. The provisions included in these companion pieces of legislation will not only be helpful in bring our state into compliance with federal law, but also in working to ensure the safety and security of the citizens that we were elected to represent.

Thank you again for holding a hearing on SB 334 and AB 69, and thank you for your service to the State of Wisconsin.

It is an honor representing the residents of the 9th District in the State Senate!



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Students United for Immigrant Rights
Statement on AB69
12/15/2005
Viviana Pastrana, Vice President

Currently, Wisconsin grants drivers licenses to anybody who can prove they know the rules of the road and can drive safely. AB69 changes that, and takes licenses away from safe drivers who happen to be undocumented immigrants.

This law is supposed to make us more secure, but it actually has the opposite effect. It endangers our safety, security, and peace of mind. It makes our roads dangerous places to be.

Immigrants will continue to drive because they have responsibilities that require driving. But without a license, they won't have insurance. They won't be trained or tested. They won't know the rules of the road. We will have more accidents, more deaths, and higher insurance rates. This hurts everybody in Wisconsin.

How can anybody say that AB69 improves security when there will be no way to identify thousands of people? People involved in collisions and crimes will be anonymous. For real security, we should make it easier, not harder, to identify people.

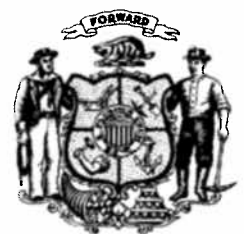
Wisconsin is known for its tradition of liberty, human rights, and justice. But we immigrants have to ask, where is this tradition today, when lawmakers create laws like AB69 that destroy immigrant peoples' lives? There is no reason for this. And what has happened to the American tradition of democracy, when we try for two months to talk to members of this committee, and nobody returns our calls? This is shameful.

Now that we're here, and you have to listen to us, we hope you listen to reason.

AB69 should die here, today.



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



AB 69 & SB 334 HEARING

DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR ALIENS

TESTIMONY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005

CURRENT SYSTEM

- All applicants for a driver's license or identification card are required to prove their name, identity, date of birth, and residency.
- Regular driver licenses expire in eight years, probationary licenses expire in three years, and identification cards expire in four years.
- 91% of all DMV customers have a valid Social Security number on file. The remaining 9% of customers either do not have a Social Security number on file, or the Social Security number on file does not match the Social Security Administration's records.

AB 69 / SB 334 ASSUMPTIONS

- All applicants for an original driver's license or identification card with a valid Social Security number, verified by the Social Security Administration, with a birth certificate showing they were born in the United States are assumed to be citizens.
- All applicants renewing a driver's license or identification card who have valid Social Security numbers on file, verified by the Social Security Administration, are assumed to be citizens. All other renewal applicants will be checked for lawful permanent resident status or conditional residence status.

	AB 69 (as amended)	SB 334
Licensing requirements	The department may only license citizens, legal permanent residents, or conditional residents	The department may not license any person who is not legally present in the state
Proof	Legal permanent residents or conditional residents must provide a valid unexpired visa, nonimmigrant visa status for entry, pending or approved application for asylum, valid entry in refugee status, pending or approved application for temporary protected status, approved deferred action status, or pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status for licensure	Aliens must provide documentary proof of legal status for licensure.
Document processing	The department would accept all of the documentation above, and only verify documents that appeared to be fraudulent.	It is unclear what documentary proof would be, so the department would utilize the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system from Department of Homeland Security to ensure legal presence.
Expiration	Expiration date of driver's license or identification card must be changed to match the expiration date of legal presence.	Unchanged. However, the expiration date of legal status must be printed on the license.
Cancellation	Department must cancel a driver's license if notification is received that a driver is no	None

	longer a citizen, legal permanent resident, or conditional resident.	
DP Costs	\$470,900 to capture legal alien status and expiration date of legal status, and rewrite business rules so expiration date of driver's license or identification card will match the expiration date of legal status.	\$341,700 to build a link to the SAVE system, and print legal presence expiration date on driver's license or identification card
FTE Costs	\$147,560 (3.4 FTE). 9% of current customers do not have a valid Social Security number on file and will require further processing to determine legal status.	\$147,560 (3.4 FTE). 9% of current customers do not have a valid Social Security number on file and will require further processing to determine legal status.
Other costs	None	\$16,817 SAVE transaction costs annually

REAL ID

- The REAL ID Act was signed on May 11, 2005. The Act prohibits any federal agency from accepting a state driver license for any purpose unless the state meets REAL ID requirements. Failure to comply within three years will prohibit Wisconsin citizens from using their driver's licenses or identification cards for any federal purpose such as boarding planes or entering federal buildings.
- Under REAL ID, the department may only license citizens, legal permanent residents, or conditional residents. AB 69 (as amended) is the same as REAL ID. SB 334 prohibits the department from licensing anyone who is not legally present in the State.
- Under REAL ID, legal permanent residents or conditional residents must provide a valid unexpired visa, nonimmigrant visa status for entry, pending or approved application for asylum, valid entry in refugee status, pending or approved application for temporary protected status, approved deferred action status, or pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status for licensure. AB 69 (as amended) is the same as REAL ID. SB 334 requires aliens to provide documentary proof of legal status.
- The full impact of REAL ID is unknown, pending the federal rulemaking process. The Department of Homeland Security, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, and others are working on proposed rules now. The final rules may not be complete until late 2006.
- Other major requirements of REAL ID that will impact Wisconsin:
 - All documents used to prove identity, date of birth, residency, Social Security number, and legal status to be kept on file electronically for ten years.
 - All documents used to prove identity, residency, date of birth, Social Security number, and lawful status with the issuing agency for validity and completeness.
 - The department must provide electronic access to all other States to information contained in the motor vehicle databases. Until the final rules are published, it is unknown if this will include photographs and signatures. Statutory changes would be needed for access to photographs and signatures, as current statutes limit access to this information.
 - All driver's licenses must have digital photos. Until the final rules are published, it is unknown if exemptions will be permitted or if statutory changes are needed.

DMV Contacts

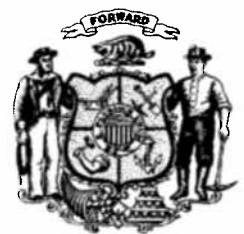
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 DMV Bureau of Driver Services
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Patrick Fernan, Director
 DMV Bureau of Driver Services
 (608) 261-8605
patrick.fernand@dot.state.wi.us

END OF TESTIMONY



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



no date

El quitar la ley AB69 es de suma importancia para identificar nuestra identidad en este Pais o Estado.

A).- Manejar un vehiculo sin licencia en este Pais o Estado sin aseguranza es doblemente peligroso.

B).-No obtener un empleo afecta a la persona como al estado.

C).-No obtener una cuenta bancaria tan importante hoy en dia.

D).-No obtener una propiedad patrimonio de nuestros hijos.

En Resumen:

Sabia usted que nosotros los imigrantes tenemos nuestra propia historia..? Este vendido Pais nos ha dado la oportunidad de superamos

economicamente y profesionalmente, nos ha dado la oportunidad de tener nuestra propia familia para sobrevivir honestamente:El porque una licencia.?

El poder demostrar a nuestros hijos los valores civiles de este Pais,la responsabilidad de servirlo con Respeto y Dignidad en todos los ambitos

socioeconomico y cultural, el ser un residente o ciudadano que ha cumplido con las leyes de este Pais.

Denos la oportunidad de demostrarles que somos gente que se preocupa por su gente al no permitir la ley AB69 y poder identificarnos.

Denos la oportunidad de ser escuchados, venimos a ayudar,a trabajar,a superarnos a fomentar la economia de este Estado o Ciudad y no a quitarles nada.

Mas sin embargo nuestras raices, costumbres socioeconomicas y humanitarias deben ser respetadas a nivel social en cualquier lugar y momento.

Porque: ! EL RESPETO AL DERECHO AJENO ENTRE TODAS LAS NACIONES ES LA PAZ

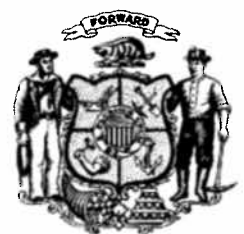
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Testimony by Leone Jose Bicchieri, SEIU Local 1: Against AB 69/Driver License proposal

Text:

Good morning honorable Senators and Representatives. Thank you for the chance to voice my and my union's opinion regarding AB 69, the drivers license proposal.

My name is Leone Jose Bicchieri. I am the coordinator of a janitor organizing campaign here in Madison, with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1.

I am against AB 69, and our union has adopted an official stance against this misguided and unhelpful bill. It will not produce safer roads, and it will not make Wisconsin safer from terrorism. It will not keep poor and desperate people from coming to this country, and to this state, to search for a decent life for themselves and their children.

My father immigrated to this country from Italy, and my mother from Mexico. They have contributed to the economy of this country for decades, as well as to this society in many different ways. They instilled in me and my brothers a spirit of hope, of fair play, and the idea that hard work should be rewarded.

When we propose laws that cause fear in a certain group of people in our society, whether intentionally or not, we cause distrust and division in society, not unity and the spirit of collaboration. Such a proposal goes against the spirit and idea of community.

AB 69 will not cause immigrants to stay away from Wisconsin, but rather it will drive many immigrants deeper underground, creating a two-tiered society in our state: the visible and the invisible. It will create a class of subservient and terrorized people, who will do any type of work for any amount of money, who will live in the shadows of our community, accepted for their hard labor, but with the rest of their humanity rejected.

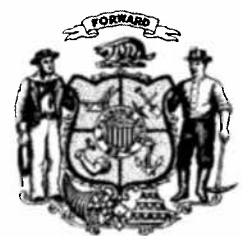
Which human being living in such a shadow world would dare to organize at their workplace for decent wages and benefits? Let's be honest: We want poor, desperate immigrants here in Wisconsin, because we need them. We need them to put food on our table, clean our bathrooms, build our homes, and take care of our elderly. We just don't want them to be organized and demand their full rights as workers and as human beings.

This is not the spirit of love and community that this country is supposed to stand for. Anti-immigrant bills such as AB 69 are mean-spirited, ineffective, and play upon the emotion of fear. The politics of fear always take us down a dangerous path.

AB 69 will do nothing to fight terrorism, it will not keep undocumented immigrants from driving to their desperately-needed jobs, and AB 69 may well make our roads less safe by putting more people on our roads who have not passed driving tests. Immigrants are not terrorists. Immigrants are my father and my mother. Immigrants work hard and pay taxes. I and our union, Service Employees International Union, urge Wisconsin's elected officials to vote against AB 69 and any similar proposals. Thank you very much.



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As a U.S. citizen, lifetime Wisconsin resident and spouse of a legal immigrant, I come before the committee today to urge you to support AB69.

AB69 is an important first step towards reaching compliance with the Real ID law (P.L.109-13) which requires states to verify an individual's legal status if our drivers license is to be accepted for federal purposes such as entering federal buildings and boarding a plane.

This bill would keep drivers license and state IDs out of the hands of those here in violation of our immigration laws and potential terrorists.

Wisconsin currently accepts the Mexican Matricula Consular card as one form of identification when applying for a license. I inquired with an employee responsible for issuing drivers license at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Racine, how he verified the identity of an individual using a foreign consular card as a form of ID. I was told they have no way of verifying the cardholders identity. This is a identification card that is knowingly issued to those illegally in the U.S.. Those who are in the U.S. legally would have U.S. issued documents proving their legal status. On June 26, 2003, Steve McGraw, Assistant Director of the FBI testified before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security that, "The Department of Justice and the FBI have concluded that the Matricula Consular is not a reliable form of identification, due to the non-existence of any means of verifying the true identity of the card holder". End quote. Despite the fact the Mexican consulate has stated there have been many security upgrades made to the Matricula Card the fact of the matter is they are issued to those individuals in the country illegally and the employees of the DMV have no way of checking if the person presenting that document is who they say they are. AB69 would solve this.

I would like to mention the fact that there is a legal process for entering the United States and residing here. Those who have chosen to ignore that legal process and enter this country illegally, work here illegally and those here illegally that stood in the rotunda of the state capital building and displayed contempt for our laws as though it was some sort of a virtue should not be rewarded with a Wisconsin drivers license to make life more comfortable for them. Holding a drivers license is a privilege not a right and to demand and threaten that if we don't give them a drivers license they will continue to break the law and drive anyway and become a menace to our roads, these are not individuals who have displayed the responsible behavior or deserve the privilege of holding a document that would allow them to stand shoulder to shoulder with a U.S. citizen and become registered voters if they wish. If those here illegally are so concerned with getting from A to B there is always public transportation. I find it inconceivable that those who have chosen to ignore our immigration laws and are in violation of our laws every day they remain here, take a job illegally, threaten to drive illegally to jobs they should not have in the first place that these individuals are suddenly concerned about the safety of our roads, legally driving a car and obtaining car insurance. The credibility simply is not there. I would also like to mention this is not a race issue. What race you are does not have a bearing on whether or not you are issued a license. This is not an immigrant bashing issue. Legal immigrants do not have a problem obtaining a license. This is a rule of law issue. We are a nation and a state of rule of law which is a fundamental reality the illegal alien advocates would like to ignore.

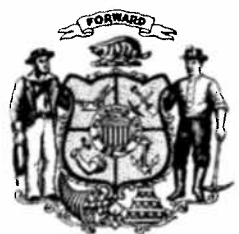
In closing I ask you, as our elected officials, to uphold the rule of law and stand up for the citizens who have voted you into office and the legal immigrants of whom ~~took~~ ^{have taken} the

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honest path in the immigration process and respected the laws of our great country. I ask you to vote in favor of AB69. Thank for you time.



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I am a retired county employee, ~~which is ref~~ member IAM Lodge 437, member AARP, EASC. I am coordinator of VDF Racine

VDF has joined with the Wisconsin Coalition for Safe roads in opposing AB-69

AB-69 is an irresponsible and dangerous bill. It will unleash thousands of unlicensed, untrained and uninsured drivers on our roads

It makes no sense to deny licenses / TD's to such a large segment of our communities

The law enforcement agencies will have no way of identifying lawbreakers, innocent victims or actual terrorists.

Our jails are already over-crowded many counties are facing large expansions such as Racine. Our courts are over-worked, yet in making criminals out of law abiding people ~~we~~ intensifies these problems.

Denying Dr. Licenses will not make our roads safer, it will not deter terrorists ~~from entering our country - instead it~~ it easier for them to move around, and we will have no way of identifying them.

Most of the terrorists had valid drivers licence

Maria Morales - Racine, 262-898-9322

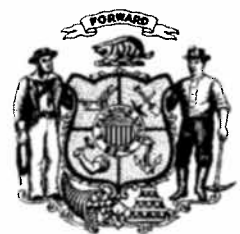
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Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Transportation:

On behalf of the membership of Voces de la Frontera we urge you to **NOT** support AB 69 which ties access to a driver's license or state identification card to immigration status. Supporters of AB 69 make the claim that this bill is simply in compliance with the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act. However, The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has not yet issued regulations clarifying or implementing the relevant provisions of the REAL ID Act. DHS and the Department of Transportation are engaged in a methodical and deliberate process to write regulations, which won't be completed for months. States that implement the act before the regulations are issued will likely be forced to make revisions later. This would pile additional expense on top of the initial implementation costs.

We propose that the most responsible course of action is the formation of a Governor's Task Force, with a diverse representation of constituents, to study the cost and service impacts of REAL ID before any changes are made at the state level. It is appropriate to have this discussion once the federal guidelines have been issued to the states.

Some of the serious concerns regarding the passage of AB69 in anticipation of federal guidelines include:

1. Many US citizens will be unable to obtain a driver's license or state ID because they do not have birth certificates or passports or other such documentary evidence of U.S. citizenship and many will have birth certificates that cannot be electronically verified.
2. The long delays and expense created in obtaining and verifying documents could have serious ramifications for US citizens' ability to vote and obtain federal benefits and services.
3. AB 69 will lead to longer lines and delays at the DMV, this is particularly heightened as it is expected that some DMV offices will be closed as a consequence of REAL ID. Workers and employers will be adversely affected by long delays at fewer DMV offices.
4. There are no safeguards in place to prevent a breach in security at the DMV putting Wisconsin residents at risk of identity theft as all this information is collected electronically.

5. REAL ID Act and AB 69, currently, make no provisions for certain categories of lawful immigrants to obtain a driver's license or state ID. This includes:
 - Persons granted withholding of removal or withholding of deportation;
 - Persons paroled into the U.S., such as persons with a serious medical condition; medically certified as pregnant; juveniles; with immediate relatives who have filed an immigration petition; witnesses in judicial, administrative or legislative proceedings; and those whose detention is not in the public interest;
 - Applicants for non-immigrant visas, including as victims of trafficking or other crimes, or persons who have critical information about a criminal organization or enterprise who are cooperating with law enforcement;
 - Battered spouses and their children, and battered children and their parents (unless and until they can apply for adjustment of status or unless they are granted deferred action);
 - Persons granted Family Unity status;
 - Persons granted Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) status;
 - Applicants for suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal;
 - Persons under an order of supervision
6. Careful consideration must be given to the financial cost to Wisconsin residents as any changes to AB69 after the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issues its regulations regarding provisions of the REAL ID Act will be additional financial costs. Federal funding for state implementation of REAL ID is minimal; essentially, an unfunded mandate with serious implications for the financial future of the state.
7. According to the REAL ID Act states that choose to issue licenses and State IDs to individuals not included in the Act or who cannot produce documentation required by its terms; can be issued a license that is not acceptable for federal identification (boarding a plane or entering a federal building) and must use a unique design or color. Despite this clear invitation to states to issue such licenses, AB 69 does not make this an option for US citizens and immigrants (both documented and undocumented) who may be excluded from coverage.
8. Proponents of AB69 claim that this bill will prevent breaches in national security by denying undocumented immigrants access to drivers' licenses or State ID's. As First and foremost, as stated in a fact sheet created by the 9/11 Commission, "immigration status based driver's licenses would not have prevented the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 because all of the hijackers were in the United States lawfully when they were issued their driver's licenses." Unlike the majority of immigrants who work hard at low-wage jobs, sophisticated terrorists have the resources to travel and use their foreign passports to prove identity. On the contrary, a larger pool of individuals who will be discouraged or denied a driver's license or state ID means that the government has a larger pool of unknown individuals to screen; making it a challenge to identify would be terrorists.

9. Most importantly, is the fact that driver's licenses protect lives. Out of necessity, immigrants will drive without driver's licenses. Licensing drivers helps to prevent accidents. An AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety report, *Unlicensed to Kill*, found that unlicensed drivers are almost five times more likely to be in a fatal crash than are validly licensed drivers. Unlicensed drivers can't get insurance and are less likely to stick around after an accident. An average of 14 percent of all accidents are caused by uninsured drivers. Nationally, uninsured motorists cause over \$4.1 billion in insurance losses per year. This will have a negative impact in Wisconsin's economy. Increased accidents on the road will result in higher costs for Wisconsin taxpayers through increased costs for emergency medical services, police investigation of auto accidents, and increased court costs associated with these accidents.
10. There will be increased incidents of racial profiling and discrimination against persons that appear or sound foreign. Given this likelihood it can be expected that this can also lead to discriminatory incidents and potential law suits. Overall, this bill will only create more divisions within our community by creating suspicion based on race and ethnicity.
11. Our broken federal immigration system is trapping millions of people in a system that has not existed for previous immigrants by restricting previous channels of citizenship. We need a path to citizenship like our parents and grandparents. Wisconsin should not continue to break a system that is inhumane at yet another level.

In conclusion, we urge you to not make a precipitated decision for something that can so greatly impact the quality of life for all of Wisconsin's residents for many years to come.

***Members of Voces de la Frontera
Milwaukee, Racine, and Madison, Wisconsin***

Statement Opposing Assembly Bill 69

Ellen Morrow, President

UNITE/HERE Local # 2484

December 13, 2005

UNITE/HERE has a strong commitment to worker justice and equality. This bill--
Assembly Bill 69--stands to hurt thousands of workers in our community not to mention
hundreds of our members in the state. Because of our union's commitment to equality
and justice, not just in the workplace but in the community as a whole, we **strongly**
oppose this bill and encourage others in the community to do likewise.

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We Racine Dominicans are concerned about justice issues. We consider AB69 unfair in several ways.

First, it is unfair to immigrants. It could impair their ability to work or to access other services that require a photo ID. Work for most immigrants is a survival issue not only for the worker but, in many instances, for the family here and in the homeland.

Second, because work is a survival issue, some immigrants will probably drive without a license and even without proper driving instructions; they, thereby, endanger all of us who will be driving legally.

Third, placing us in this dangerous driving situation will surely increase car insurance costs. Besides, hit-and-run accidents will multiply problems because the illegal driver will, in fear, leave the scene of the accident.

Four, why connect the action of immigrants with the action of terrorists. Experience has proven that immigrants offer great contributions to our country; terrorists offer great destruction. Undocumented immigrants have been lured to United States by our own companies in need of labor. They have contributed to our tax base; they have contributed by being law-abiding citizens. They have performed work tasks that others hesitated to do.

Finally, why are we driving these hard-working, law-abiding citizens into the shadows where they certainly will be fearful of any legal contact, a condition harmful to them as well as to the rest of us.

Please vote to defeat AB 69. Thank you.

Sister Therese Van Thull, OP and Sister Regina Williams, OP
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The Wisconsin Chapter of the National Latino Peace Officers Association

Dear members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation:

The Wisconsin Chapter of the National Latino Peace Officers Assn. are not in support of the bill AB 69.

The United States Government has not completed its work in establishing rules to govern who can and cannot attain a driver's license and/or State identification only. We strongly believe that until this is accomplished, the Wisconsin Senate should not approve AB 69. The US government's findings should be full and complete before States go off on their own. We must have a better and clearer clarification on what is going to be decided on by our government.

We do not want to see Wisconsin become a State where one is stopped and asked for identification simply for that reason only.

Respectfully,

J. Luis Lopez
Local Chapter Secretary-Treasurer
Nat'l LPOA Vice-President

December 12, 2005

Governor James Doyle
Office of the Governor
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

As the Wisconsin Representative of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad, as Executive Director of La Casa de Esperanza, Inc., and on behalf of over 10,000 individuals who turn to La Casa for help each year, I am writing to express my position and strongly urge you to veto AB69, which ties access to a driver's license or state identification card to immigration status.

I want to commend you on your record of support and to tell you that it was an honor to travel with you to Mexico. You are a great friend to immigrants and clearly recognize the value that they bring to Wisconsin. As you have acknowledged on many occasions, there is a significant immigrant population in Wisconsin who are working, paying taxes and in many other ways contributing positively to our communities.

I have many very serious concerns about AB69. Several examples of these concerns include:

1. Many US citizens will be unable to obtain a driver's license or state ID because they do not have birth certificates or passports.
2. This is clearly a safety issue. It is a fact that people will drive out of necessity. It will be much safer to have licensed drivers on our roads.
3. Long delays and expense could have serious ramifications for US citizens' ability to vote and obtain federal benefits and services.
4. There are currently no provisions for many categories of lawful immigrants to obtain a driver's license or state ID.
5. I am concerned about increased incidents of racial profiling and discrimination against persons that appear or sound foreign.

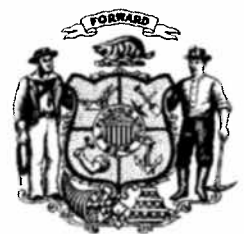
Once again, thank you for your record of support and I am strongly urging you to continue this record by vetoing AB69. This extremely important decision could impact the quality of life for Wisconsin residents for many years to come.

Very best regards,

Anselmo Villarreal
Executive Director, La Casa de Esperanza, Inc.
Wisconsin Representative of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad
cc: President V. Fox



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Journal Times 12/14/05

State Senate draws protest: Hearing to discuss citizenship requirement to obtain driver's license brings rally to Capitol

By Dustin Block

Eight busloads of people, many of them high school students, traveled to Madison Wednesday to protest a state law that would make it impossible for undocumented immigrants to get a driver's license.

The rally was organized by Voces de la Frontera, an advocacy group based in Milwaukee with an office in Racine. About 450 of the 1,200 people who gathered in the State Capitol were from Racine.

The rally was in advance of a Senate hearing scheduled for Thursday about legislation that would require people to prove citizenship when applying for a driver's license. The Assembly passed the measure in

September.

Opponents of the proposal say the bill is unnecessary and will make the road more dangerous by increasing the number of people driving without a license. It could also increase the number of hit-and-run accidents, and result in undocumented immigrants piling up criminal records simply driving to their jobs.

"We're just making criminals of people who want to work," said Maria Morales, coordinator of Voces de la Frontera's Racine office.

Supporters of the bill say that the measure is needed to comply with a federal law that requires states to implement stricter requirements for verifying state IDs. If states don't comply, the federal government may not consider their driver's licenses or ID cards valid forms of identification.

But opponents counter that the federal government hasn't finalized the guidelines, and that the bill is aimed at preventing terrorism - not keeping people from driver's license.

The rally started Tuesday at a Madison church and then moved to the Capitol building, where protestors chanted in the rotunda while others met with legislators to express their opposition to the bill.

While they gained no assurances that the legislation would be defeated, organizers of the rally said it was effective.

"To be able to organize 1,200 people from the southeastern part of the state really reflects the level of opposition to the bill," said Christine Neumann-Ortiz, executive director of Voces de la Frontera.

Morales, of Racine, added: "With all of the support we had, I think they heard us. They definitely heard us."

Al Levy, of Racine, attended the rally along with students from Park, Case and Horlick high schools, Dominican sisters and many people who took off work.

Along with Hispanics - many who were legal citizens - representatives from Hmong groups and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People also attended the rally.

"It was a real mixed group," Levy said.

Neumann-Ortiz said that while Wisconsin needs to comply with the federal law, legislators should take more time to consider their options and then move forward without unnecessarily harming undocumented immigrants. She is encouraging Gov. Jim Doyle to create a task force to study the issue.

As for a timetable, she said, the federal law, once completed, will give the states two years to implement needed measures - more than enough time to consider other options.

*Journal Times 12/12/05***Driver's license legislation stirs new protests***By Viviana Pastrana*

and Maria Morales On Nov. 18 more than 500 people went to Madison to try to eliminate Assembly Bill 69, a proposed law that would prevent undocumented immigrants from getting driver's licenses. Anyone who cannot prove citizenship or legal residency would also be denied. Under current law, Wisconsin grants driver's licenses to all persons, regardless of immigration status, as long as they have passed written and road tests, and proved their identity.

Only irresponsible legislation would deny driver's licenses to safe drivers.

Supporters say that AB-69 is necessary to comply with the REAL ID Act, which President Bush signed into law last summer. But the federal government has issued no guidelines for state implementation of REAL ID. Rules are not expected until next summer, and states will still have two years to make changes.

Supposedly, these laws were initiated to prevent terrorism. Prohibiting undocumented immigrants from driving will decrease terrorism? This is absurd. On Sept. 11, the terrorists boarded their planes legally, using passports. Their driver's licenses actually helped identify them after the attacks. Why do they want to attack immigrants, then? Why take away their right to drive? Immigrants had nothing to do with this. This smacks of racism.

The truth is, terrorists are not the real targets of AB-69. The real targets are low-income immigrants - hardworking people who pay taxes and deserve a path to citizenship. Immigrants have families, jobs, school, and other things that they need a care for. Like the rest of us, they have obligations and responsibilities. They have to drive. But they also want to do the right thing, like the law says. Why should they lose their right to do something just and correct? AB69 would turn basic, necessary transportation into a criminal act.

Immigrants will continue to drive out of necessity. Insurers will not write policies for unlicensed drivers, so they won't have insurance. They won't take driving classes or driver's tests, so they'll be untrained and untested. They won't know the rules of the road. There will be more accidents, more danger, and more deaths. Higher insurance rates will follow. AB-69 endangers our safety, security, and peace of mind.

The United States is a country known for its love of liberty, human rights, and justice. But at the same time, Americans have always discriminated against "other" people. Everybody knows that immigrants strengthen this country. They're an important part of the history of both Wisconsin and the United States. They share our love of equality and justice. So why do our leaders create laws like AB-69? Why are they trying to destroy the lives of other human beings? And why are they trading public safety for immigrant bashing?

AB-69 is currently before the Wisconsin Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation. State Senator Cathy Stepp sits on this committee and could very well provide the deciding vote. Unfortunately, our repeated calls and letters to her office requesting a personal meeting have gone unanswered.

This is surprising.

We all remember the Senator's husband being in a serious highway collision this fall. Our hearts go out to her family, but we know that AB-69 will cause more tragedies like this. Her ties to the construction industry are also well-known. Certainly she is aware of the construction industry's dependence on immigrant labor. Her previous support for pro-immigrant legislation should be comforting, but it isn't. Instead, her silence is deafening.

Senator Stepp could do what the Coalition for Safe Roads recommends: She could call for a "time-out." She could recommend the formation of a Governor's Task Force to evaluate ways for Wisconsin to comply with REAL ID. She could recommend looking for alternatives to denying civil rights and risking public safety.

As she prepares to leave office, Senator Stepp should take a stand for justice and reason. For the sake of the safety and well-being of her constituents, she should stop this irresponsible legislation from becoming law.

Viviana Pastrana is vice president of Students United for Immigrant Rights. Maria Morales is president of Voces de la Frontera, Racine.

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1,000 protest driver's license bill

By Anita Weier
December 14, 2005

An estimated 1,000 demonstrators came to the State Capitol on Tuesday to protest a bill that would require that someone present documentary proof of citizenship or legal residence to get a driver's license.

Most were Latino, and many were young.

Chanting and carrying signs - and at least one U.S. flag - the demonstrators said they wanted to show legislators and the governor what they say would be the sheer folly of such a law.

The bill, AB 69, has already been approved by the state Assembly and is the subject of a Senate committee hearing set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Room 411 South at the State Capitol. The twin Senate bill is SB 334.

A spokesman for Rep. Pedro Colon, the Milwaukee

Democrat who has led opposition to the bill, said that Colon's office had nothing to do with organizing the massive protest.

One of the volunteers leading the group, 19-year-old Darlene Mendez of Milwaukee, said the organizer was Christine Neumann-Ortiz, who also founded an organization on Milwaukee's south side called Voices From the Border. "There are at least 600 people here from Milwaukee," Mendez said.

Neumann-Ortiz, 38, said in a later phone interview that delegations from the protest group met with staff members of senators who belong to the Natural Resources and Transportation Committee, which will hear the bill. "They couldn't give us a position until after the hearing," she said. "We were disappointed that the senators were not available."

Sixteen buses came from Milwaukee and Racine, Neumann-Ortiz said.

People came from Racine, Kenosha, Green Bay, Sheboygan, Jefferson County and Sheboygan County.

Omar Salazar, 17, said he came from Racine because "they don't want to give a license to immigrant people. We all pay taxes."

The author of the bill, Rep. Mark Pettis, R-Hertel, has said that the bill would comply with recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and requirements of a federal Real ID bill.

"Unfortunately, the folks who were here turned it into a racist issue," Pettis said in an interview after the demonstration. "It has nothing to do with race. It has to do with homeland security. The hijackers had over 60 driver's licenses."

Pettis said that the argument that people are going to be driving anyway is tantamount to giving a doctor's license to someone because he is practicing medicine.

But a middle-aged woman from Milwaukee who would identify herself only as Maria said that people need ID cards or licenses to prove who they are.

Joseph Nigh, 48, of Cottage Grove, said he came to the Capitol because "unless all people who need to drive are able to have a driver's license, the roads will not be safe."

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LICENSE BILL AB 69



500 PEOPLE PROTESTED LICENSE BILL AB 69

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Madison - More than 500 people from throughout Wisconsin arrived at the Capitol in cars, vans and a convoy of busses to protest against license bill AB 69. Among them were students from Racine and Milwaukee. Latino immigrants, their children and supporters walked into the Capitol rotunda holding large signs and began to shout "NO To AB 69".

The last time the Capitol rotunda was filled with huge numbers of Latinos, Anglo-saxons, and Afro-American protesters was in the early 1970's when the Latino community marched from Milwaukee to Madison to fight for equal access to state employment and to enforce existing migrant laws.

The protest was organized by the

Voces de la Frontera, a local immigration rights group. Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera says, the bill is premature and the federal government (Department of Homeland Security) has not released guidelines for states to comply with. "States that implement the act before the regulations are issued will likely be forced to make revisions later. This would pile additional expense on top of the initial implementation costs," said Neuman-Ortiz. She wants the governor to create a task force of constituents to ensure the actual bill to be pass does not create a hurdle for immigrants. Neuman-Ortiz wants Governor Jim Doyle to veto AB 69, if the bill does not change its current language which most likely discriminates immigrants. If the bill is approved in its present form, immigrants would not be able to



apply for a driver's license and could impede their ability to drive to and from work. The bill could also block access for immigrants to get a photo ID as required by other services.

Jose Bucio from WI State AFL-CIO said, "the Department of Homeland Security has not yet issued regulations to clarify or implement the relevant provisions of the REAL ID Act. Wisconsin should wait for these guide lines before passing any new laws that will certainly disadvantage

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immigrant workers and make it more difficult for them to support their families and the economy.

Everyone understands the heightened concern about public safety, but government also has an obligation to enact and enforce laws in ways that respects due process and civil liberties and protect the opportunities for individuals, including immigrant workers who contribute much to our economy."

Assembly bill (AB-69) was introduced in February 1, by Rep. Mark Pettis (R-Henri) and proposed a measure that would require licenses

issued to resident aliens lapse at the same time as their visas. The licenses would list the dates their visas expire.

In May, many resident aliens at a public hearing with legislators said that employers could become reluctant to hire Hispanic immigrants for jobs if their visas would expire at a certain date. The bill is expected to come up for a vote in December, according to Senate President Alan Lasee (R-De Pere).

Today, regular Wisconsin drivers' licenses are issued for eight years; probationary licenses for three years; and a state identification card for four years. Under current law, a person who

wishes to receive a driver's license or an identification card from the Department of Transportation (DOT) must provide certain information to DOT, including the person's name, address, date of birth, and physically descriptive information. A license or an identification card that is issued by DOT includes a picture of the person, identifying information, the person's signature, and physically descriptive information.

Under this bill (AB 69), an applicant for a driver's license or identification card who is an alien resident of this state must present documentary proof that he/she is legally residing

within the state and the date on which his or her status as a legal alien expires. The bill requires DOT to include on the person's driver's license or identification card the date on which the person's status as a legal alien expires.

The proposed measure comes from the REAL ID Act, adopted by Congress in May. The bill requires all states to demand proof that anyone who applies for a driver's license is legally in this country.

The Real ID Act was proposed by U.S. Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. (R-Mendota Falls) in an effort to prevent terrorists from using driver's licenses as identification. The Act con-

tinues to create national debate from opponents over the illegal immigration issue.

If the new measures are not adopted in Wisconsin, residents will be prohibited from using their driver's licenses as identification for any federal purpose, from boarding aircraft to applying for Social Security or Medicare, according to Congressman Sensenbrenner.

Currently, Wisconsin, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon and Washington do not require proof of legal U.S. residency or status to obtain a driver's license.